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SUBJECT: ERITREAN CASUALTY FIGURES FROM DECEMBER 26 BORDER
CLASH

Classified By: Ambassador Ronald K. McMullen for reason 1.4 (d)

[11](#). (C) On December 28 an Embassy source spoke with a mid-level member of Eritrea's National Security Agency (ANS) about the December 26 border clash between Eritrean and Ethiopian forces. The ANS officer said that Eritrean military casualties from the clash were 5 dead and 24 captured. There was no report on the number of wounded, nor on estimated Ethiopian casualties.

[12](#). (C) The Embassy source is well known and considered to be credible, but PolOff has not been able to corroborate this report with other sources.

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